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More Monthly Newsletter

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UPCOMING events

Social Media in Government Idea Exchange: 7/15/2022

We're talking all things content, from graphics, images, and video to clever tactics to help boost engagement. Presentations are only part of the program; bring your best ideas to share with your peers.

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Bring Your Own Book Club: 7/27/2022

We choose the topic; you select the book and join other youth services staff, in sharing your favorite summer adventure reads.

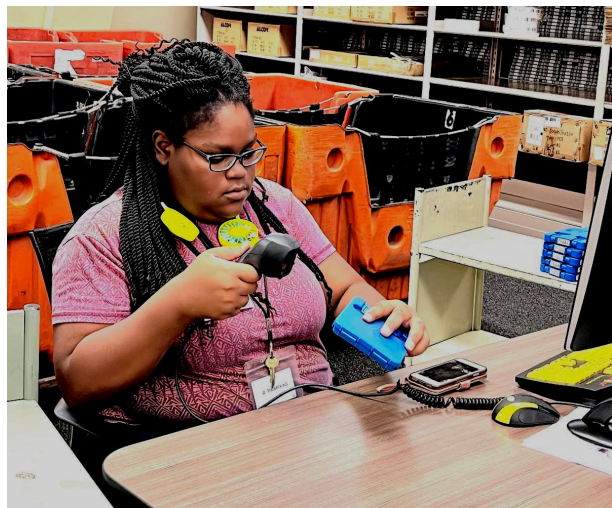
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African American Genealogy: 8/3/2022

Genealogist Karen Strickland shares her research journey to discover her family history, including the historical documents and resources from South Carolina libraries and archives she studied to locate her enslaved ancestors.

Sharing History

South Carolina state government is a network of agencies, working together to serve citizens. We are honored to support fellow agencies in marking milestones. Last week, the [South Carolina Human Affairs Commission](#) held its fiftieth-anniversary celebration at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. State Library staff shared selections from our exhibit, *Unforgettable: Celebrating a Time of Life, Hope and Bravery* featuring Cecil Williams' photography. The pictures showcase life in South Carolina during the Civil Rights era.



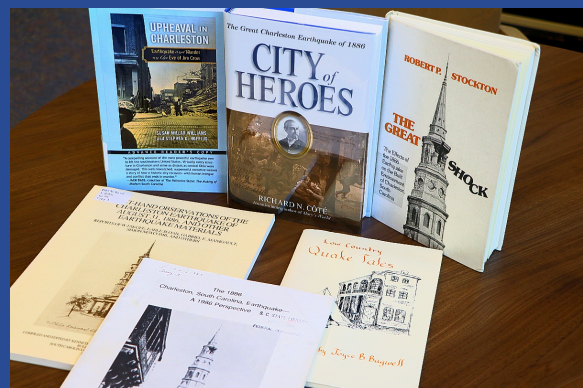
Talking Books Buzz

Summer break brings fresh energy as interns gain experience, and we get a leg up on projects around the State Library. Teens from the South Carolina Commission for the Blind Summer Teen program joined us last month. They packed up old digital cassettes to return to the National Library Service in Washington, D.C. It took only six days to withdraw, scan, and pack 254 boxes containing 11,176 cartridges. We can't wait to see them back next year with that kind of work ethic.



Historical Finds

1969 was a historical year. The first man landed on the moon, our building opened to patrons, and Jonas Thomas Kennedy, a



Lessons From the Past

Recent earthquakes in the Midlands instigated chatter about the Charleston Earthquake of 1886. Eager to learn from

Bennettsville turkey farmer, visited the White House. Mr. Kennedy received an invitation to a farmers' luncheon that year. He was the only African American to attend. A patron contacted our reference librarians hoping to find information about the visit. They contacted the LBJ library in Austin and uncovered President Johnson's diary entry from the day, the reference card for Mr. Kennedy, and photos. Jonas Thomas Kennedy was a supporter of Claflin University in Orangeburg. A building now bears his name.

the past, we searched our collection for insight. Besides books and government documents, [databases containing newspapers from the period](#) explain how citizens responded. As one of our librarians remarked, "This was their social media." Aid from across the United States poured into the Lowcountry as news of the disaster spread. It is an honor to preserve this kind of history for future generations.

Get READY

The South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina Center for Community Literacy invite school and public youth services librarians to apply for the third annual Project READY (Reimagining Equity & Access for Diverse Youth) S.C. learning cohort. Project READY provides professional development, focused on foundational concepts relating to racial equity, emphasizing services to BIYOC (Black, Indigenous, and Youth of Color). A small group will join a statewide cohort to work through the Project READY modules and earn CEU credits. Please visit the [Project READY page](#), [watch the video](#), or [review the curriculum guide](#) for more information. [Complete the application](#) before August 15, 2022.

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Research Help

Nestled in downtown Columbia, less than a mile from the South Carolina State House, our library is home to numerous legislative resources. Although the array of materials can be overwhelming, our librarians are available to help. [Join us at noon on August 4](#) for an overview of legislative resources including current and historical South Carolina Code of Laws, Acts and

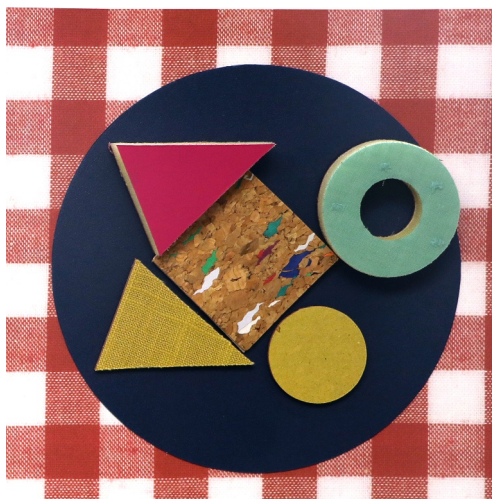


The Path to Citizenship

As we celebrate our country's independence this month, remember that our collection hosts resources on American civics. Materials include [civics flashcards for the naturalization test](#) and a [civics and citizenship toolkit](#); both are available in English and Spanish. Federal resources include [documents to aid refugees and asylees](#) and a [guide to understanding](#)

Resolutions, and House and Senate journals dating back to the early 19th and late 18th centuries. Whether you are a researcher, educator, librarian, or just someone interested in a deeper dive into our diverse collection, join us.

[immigrant fees and how to pay them.](#)



Tasty Delights

July is National Culinary Arts Month. Our [Inclusive Services Center](#) includes books about foods of various cultures, including three braille books. This book, [Let's Eat by Céline Monchoux](#), has tactile illustrations in addition to the braille text. Each page contains materials that represent the foods referenced in the story. [Search our catalog](#) and find your favorite food-themed story.

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